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MOST POTENT OF ALL COMBINES

The coming absorption of the National Bank of Commerce of New York City by the National City Bank, is the latest development of the Morgan plan of securing almost full control of the money market. Thomas F. Ryan who was the principal power in the National Bank of Commerce, is being forced out of his many activities by ill health; otherwise the Morgan interest might not have captured this large and important bank, the capital of which is \$25,000,000 and the market value of shares of which has been 220 to 230.

Aside from the obvious purpose of securing practically absolute control of the money market, and thus of speculative values in Wall Street, there may or may not be other purposes in this Morgan game. It is proceeding contemporaneously with the Aldrich scheme of establishing a great central bank holding the executive power of note issuance and of increasing or decreasing the volume of currency at pleasure. Senator Aldrich has never yet perfected or assured the passage of any important financial measure without first consulting the money magnates of Wall Street, and President Taft who has endorsed Aldrich as the ablest of legislative financiers, is also a virtual endorser of the central bank scheme. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that there is an intimate connection between the Morgan plan and the Aldrich scheme, and that it has White House approval.

If the proposed central bank, holding the power of preventing increase of the volume of currency, is to come under the direct or indirect control of a private banking concern in virtual control of the currency actually in circulation and thus able to not only check or stimulate speculation but also to equally check or stimulate general business, where will the American people "be at"? A power greater than the government will direct their destinies. Political parties will survive or perish at its will. Trusts and combines, for the enrichment of the few and the impoverishment of the many, will thrive in even greater degree than at present. Even our system of free government would continue to exist only on the sufferance of this superior power.

Labor Bulletin No. 3 issued by Commissioner William H. Scoville of the Connecticut Bureau of Labor Statistics, refers to the recent decision in the "hatters' case" as follows:

"The important principle was decided that labor organizations have no special rights under the law, and must suffer legal penalties for practicing intimidation and similar restraints on trade and commerce, just as any other corporation or organization must which undertakes to use an illegal weapon like the blacklist or secondary boycott. On the other hand, the law gives the employer no right to agree not to use articles manufactured by the employer. The boycotted concern is not entitled to conspire with other concerns to deprive the boycotters of employment, or to threaten or annoy other concerns which do employ them. Finally, the boycotters must not use intimidation to discourage outsiders from handling or buying the goods of the firm's products. Briefly stated the parties to the quarrel must deal each with the other and refrain from drawing innocent third parties into the controversy."

Stamford has found a striking case of low assessment for purposes of taxation. A certain lot was considered the most desirable location for a new schoolhouse, and the town a few years ago voted to buy this lot, have it later meeting rescinded the vote. The price then named was \$6,000; now it is \$7,500. The lot is owned by a land company which lists it at \$1,128 for taxation purposes, and the assessors have increased the figures to \$1,500. The Stamford Advocate comments upon the matter as follows:

It should be borne in mind that the assessors chosen next October will do the work for both town and city. Cannot the people of Stamford lay aside party prejudices, and for once, take a united stand upon a question that is not a party one at all, but affects every taxpayer? Let us have fair, honest, faithful work, and a square deal. If the incident of the Woodland avenue valuation should help to bring this about, every one would be willing to forgive the imposition practiced upon the town for this piece of injustice. You, Mr. Householder, whose dwelling is assessed for pretty near all it is worth, are helping to pay taxes justly chargeable to the Greyrock Land Company, and to every other person or corporation whose holdings are undervalued. How do you like it?

President Barrett of the "National Farmers' Union, claiming a membership of 5,000,000, has addressed a letter to members of Congress, in which he has questioned the foremost national movement of today is that aimed at keeping vigorous producing people on the farm, and giving others not already on the farm a chance to get on the farm, in a way, the salvation of the

AN UNSAVORY COMPARISON

Hartford is enabled, despite increased demands upon the city treasury, to reduce its tax rate one-half mill, or from 18 to 17½ mills. But for the State tax the rate would be 17 mills. This ability to decrease the rate is in part due to an increase in the grand list, the city having commenced the task of advancing assessments from a comparatively low rate to the statutory requirement of fair market value. Hartford is to be congratulated upon its ability to reduce the tax rate.

Here in Bridgeport, a radically different condition is found. With an increased grand list and with no greater requirements arising from the growth of the city, the Apportionment Board has levied a tax of 17.4 mills, or within one-tenth of a mill of the rate in Hartford where assessment valuations are lower than here.

The essential difference between Hartford's Board of Finance and Bridgeport's Board of Apportionment seems to be that while the former acted in the city's interest, the latter was apparently actuated by the double motive of discrediting the Democratic administration and furnishing an argument against further tax-equalization.

In Hartford, the Mayor acted with the Board of Finance in securing a reduction of the tax rate; here in Bridgeport, the Mayor endeavored to secure a lower rate, but his well-founded advice was rejected, as was also that of the City Auditor, by the Board of Apportionment on the unavowed but probable motive above mentioned.

The contrast which we have thus drawn, is not a pleasant one for the average Bridgeporter. It is most humiliating to be forced to the conclusion that the city is, in its most important board, misgoverned.

The tax rate should not have exceeded the rate of 16.8 mills recommended by Mayor Buckingham, and might possibly have even been made the 16 mills recommended by City Auditor Keating. It was unnecessarily made 17.4 mills by the Board of Apportionment. Bridgeport cannot boast of this board, especially when it is compared with the corresponding board of Hartford.

nation hinges on the success of the movement, whatever the statesman of today can do to make easier the lot of the farmer will be considered in American cities today. The light of an actual contribution to the constructive history of his times. Unrest looms sinister and forbidding in American cities today. Labor and capital view each other questioningly, with mutual suspicion and skepticism. Turmoil, fear of worse things to come, gives wakeful nights to the man who has the courage to face those tremendous issues that make for the ultimate weal or woe of this country.

Shall we not make the farmer immune to this disturbance? Shall we not carry contentment to the country? Shall we not encourage peace and industry and thrift there, as protection against the turbulent and dangerous leaning to agitation in cities that gives pause to thoughtful minds? We doubt very much whether the urban condition is so sinister as Mr. Barrett indicates, but the slogan, "Back to the farm," can do no harm, even though accepted by many thousands of city residents.

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N.E.O.P. GRAND LODGE TO MEET HERE IN APRIL

Order Has 15,200 Members in Connecticut and is Flourishing.

The grand lodge of the New England Order of Protection, organized April 22, 1889, will hold its first session in Bridgeport on April 13, at which time there will be about 300 delegates present representing the 15 lodges in this State. The lodge of this city, organized on Dec. 13, 1887, is the oldest lodge in the State, while the lodge of New Haven, instituted on Feb. 3, 1910, is the youngest. The combined membership of all the lodges in this State was 15,200 on Feb. 25, but as all are working hard to increase it the grand lodge hopes to be able to report 15,300 or April 1, when the grand lodge year closes.

The grand lodge has a general fund of only \$8,000, it receiving one-half of the per capita tax, the other half going to the supreme lodge. The benefit funds of the order are paid direct to the member's lodge. The grand lodge of the order has had only eight grand wardens, two grand secretaries and two grand treasurers. The present incumbents of the three offices. There is very little possibility of either Grand Secretary, Jeremiah W. or Grand Treasurer, F. J. Drew being replaced by other men, since each is filling his office very satisfactorily.

While it is not expected that much of anything except routine business will come before the grand lodge, the order is making preparations to show the grand lodge that no mistake was made at the last session providing for every third session to be held in this city, this change being brought about only after a hard fight at the last grand lodge session held at New Haven.

TESTIFIES FOR MUSIC TEACHER

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, March 15.—The examination of Dr. A. R. Diefendorf, lecturer at Yale Medical school and one of the alienists in the Thayer trial, was the central feature of the trial of Sophia Kritchman, the Italian City music teacher, and Joe Mitchell, her alleged lover, in superior court today.

Dr. Diefendorf declared that judging from the severity of the attack, Kritchman, when taken to the Waterbury hospital on the day following his shooting, was in too serious a condition to declare properly the truth. Sophia who covered his face with a handkerchief and shot him and that later Sophia, accompanied by Mitchell, returned and again attacked him.

With Sophia all during the morning session, was her sweetheart, Dr. E. J. Kaunas, of South Chicago, to whom she is engaged to be married. He sat at her side all through the testimony and seemed to be a great comfort to the prisoner.

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SCARLET FEVER

Something About Epidemic From State Board of Health.

(State Board of Health.) Scarlet fever has been very prevalent in the state during the past winter, particularly in Bridgeport. New Haven and some of the towns in Fairfield county. 449 cases reported last month as compared with 129 cases in February 1909 and 197 cases in February 1908.

There is no one of the infectious diseases which differs in the intensity of its outbreaks as does scarlet fever, the mortality varying widely in different epidemics. The present outbreak, is very mild, which in a measure accounts for its continuance, since there are many mild walking cases whose only symptoms is a slight sore throat and these ambulatory cases may convey the disease as well as the more serious ones.

The specific germ of scarlet fever is not known, but the disease is probably some form of streptococcus infection. We do not know either how the infection is carried from one person to another. The desquamation of the epidermis has been looked upon as the danger time for infection and the scales themselves supposed to be carriers of the poison, but this is by no means proven. It is quite likely in the onset at least that the contagion is contained in the secretions of the nose, throat and respiratory tract, and it has been suggested that the scales of the skin contain the poison only as they become infected by the secretions. Experience shows that patients may give the disease to others until the completion of desquamation, which lasts usually until the sixth week of the disease, but no person should be considered well or free from infection who still has a discharge from the ears or nostrils.

For the control of the disease we must prevent the contact of the sick with the well and must insist on a thorough disinfection of the secretions during illness and of the linen and apartments at its completion. Isolation is difficult in most homes and disinfection has often proved elusive, so that better results could be obtained by removal of the patient to a well equipped hospital for the care of contagious diseases. More attention must be paid to the latent cases. Much is to be expected from a rigid system of school inspection and persistence in the isolation of the secretions of the nose and throat. The school room is usually thought to be the chief factor in the spread of the disease, but in the present outbreak the number of cases in adults and children under school age would indicate that it is quite as readily contracted elsewhere, probably in trolley cars, theatres and other public assemblies. Health officers and physicians can do little in the control without the co-operation of the public, and all should obey the Golden Rule by being careful not to give the disease to others even in the mildest case and by a strict observance of all sanitary regulations.

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The First Spat. She-If I had known that you would scold I never would have married you. He-If I had known that you would marry me I would have scolded.

Hath man no second life? Pitch this one high.—Matthew Arnold.

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His Temper. "My dear," said a lady to her husband, "there must be a lot of iron in your system."

"Why do you think so?" "Because you invariably lose your temper when you get hot!"

Discoveries. So many famous discoveries have turned out to be re-discoveries that we become cautious about asserting that any event or achievement was the first of its kind.—John Diske.

Something For Nothing. Wise Old Uncle—Remember Tommy as you go through this world that you can't get something for nothing. Precocious Nephew—Oh, yes, you can, uncle! When I don't eat nuthin' I git an awful pain in my stomachick.—Chicago Tribune.

Undecided. The dealer was busy filling bottles from a hoghead of wine.

"What kind of wine is that?" queried an innocent bystander.

"I haven't labeled it yet."—Argonaut.

Hard Job. Matrimonial Agent—Really, when I see those two whom I am going to introduce to each other I don't know to which I shall break it gently.—Fleegende Blatter.

The First Spat. She-If I had known that you would scold I never would have married you. He-If I had known that you would marry me I would have scolded.

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